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Re: Big Stone II Project Our File No. 11402.000

Dear Mr. Smith, Counsel and Ms. Stueve:

Along with this correspondence, I am forwarding a copy of the affidavit of Richard Lancaster dated June 28, 2006. Pursuant to a stipulation of the parties during the hearing, this affidavit was received into evidence as Exhibit 116. (Please see Hearing Transcript p. 788.) This affidavit verifies Mr. Lancaster's testimony and any attached exhibits which have previously been admitted into evidence as Applicants' Exhibits 2 and 39.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company on Behalf of Big Stone II Co-Owners for an Energy Conversion Facility Permit for the Construction of the Big Stone II Project

Docket No. EL 05-022

AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD LANCASTER

STATE OF MINNESOTA )

COUNTY OF Sher busene

Richard Lancaster being first duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states as follows:

- 1. My name is Richard Lancaster. I am employed as the Vice President of Generation for Great River Energy.
- 2. I have prepared direct testimony in this proceeding which has been marked as Applicant's Exhibit 2. I have also prepared rebuttal testimony which has been marked as Applicants' Exhibit 39.
- 3. I have reviewed my direct testimony and my rebuttal testimony. There are no changes or corrections which need to be made at this time to my testimony.
- 4. If I were called to provide testimony in this proceeding I would give the same answers to the questions as are set forth in my direct and rebuttal testimony.

Dated this 28 Hyday of June, 2006.

Richard Lancaster

Sworn to before me this  $\frac{28+7}{2}$  day of June, 2006.

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Notary Public

State of Minnesoti-

My Commission Expires: 1/31/08

DEBRA K CAVAN
Notary Public
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My Commission Expires January 31, 2008